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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

BADGE FOR FOOD MAKERS.



A headline says "Tobacco Is Going Up." In smoke?

Our idea of foolishness is Gaffney having a rest room. That is all the folks over there ever do.

A man named Mainfort is wrestling in Columbia. Is that profession his?

A man named Bost got married the other day and now we reckon he is.

The new Russian Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, M. Nikotine, is probably fond of smoking.

Charlotte's aviation training school turned out to be a pipe dream, as most of us thought it would.

A government poster says "Corn is Scarce" but advices from Pickens county and the Keg Town section of Cherokee are to the effect that the supply is entirely sufficient.

Abbeville county has just defeated a bond issue for good roads thereby demonstrating that she does not care to join the parade of progress in South Carolina.

If the government should adopt the plan of permitting no meat to be sold on two days of every week our neighbors will do well to keep a closer eye on their chickens.

While it is possible that a mistake was made when David R. Coker of the State Council of Defense let politics enter into the recent meeting, yet at the same time we think that the statements made by a former governor deserved to be roundly criticized. It was the right thing but possibly in the wrong place.

Kingdon Gould, the millionaire who was married on July 2, now claims exemption under the Selective Conscription Act on the ground that he has a dependent wife. The proper treatment for him is to send him to the very front row of the battlefield at once and leave him there until the end of the war. Such patriots as he will never win this war for America.

**SLACKERS AND SLACKERS.**

A "slacker" is not necessarily a man who refuses to fight for his country. It is true that the word applies very well to that man, but it applies equally as well to the man who does things to hinder and annoy the government during this trying period. The man who criticizes the government and members of the various government organizations is, in his way, a slacker just as is the man who refuses to fight. The man who refuses to do his part and criticizes those who are earnestly striving to do their part, is even more to be despised than is the man who will not fight.

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**EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT.**

Farming implements are needed by this country no less than arms and munitions of war. Tilling the soil is a basic industry, for without food there would be no armies. It is fitting therefore that the National Implement and Vehicle Association should have urged government action that would place the farm implement manufacturers on equal footing with munition manufacturers in the distribution of material. It is equally important that the manufacturers of farming machinery should be permitted to retain their working forces. There have been instances where munition manufacturers have induced employes of the farm implement plants to quit. This is neither right nor fair and the country will not gain by any such policy.

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**THE ENEMIES AT WORK.**

Probably having its origin with some of those who are opposed to the Selective Conscription process of raising a National army, a report has gained circulation in certain parts of Lancaster county to the effect that dissension has arisen among members of the local exemption board and that certain members of the board at at logger-heads. A careful investigation reveals that this report is a lie out of the whole cloth. It is stated that perfect harmony prevails and that every member of the board is putting forth his best efforts to discharge his duty to his country. There has not been and there will not be, very much credence placed in this report but at the same time, it is unfortunate that we have people in this county willing to start such a rumor.

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**IT WILL HELP THE BOY.**

One of the local Scout Masters of the Boy Scouts has complained to us that some Lancaster parents have refused to let their youngsters join the local organization and that the boys are much disappointed thereby. We should think that almost any average American boy would be disappointed.

We do not know on what the Lancaster people base their objection, but we do know that the Boy Scout organization has been a splendid thing for the country. It tends to make a manly boy out of any lad, teaches him to respect his elders, gives him an idea of how to care for himself in the open, and is, in short, a liberal education of its kind for the youth. We do not think any Lancaster parent will make a mistake by permitting the boy to join the order.

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**SPREADING SENSELESS RUMORS.**

Several times we have had a word or two to say about people of this section believing every idle rumor they hear while the war is going on. We have warned them that they will hear tales of the entire American fleet being destroyed; of the American army in France being wiped out by one single blow of the enemy; of dozens of idle reports that spring up over night. All these should be disregarded but even before these should come the idle rumors circulated about loyal and patriotic American citizens. In some way a report gained circulation in Lancaster during the early part of the week that a Lancaster citizen had been arrested in New York city, charged with being a German spy, and as usual there were plenty of people to help the report along. Some believed it, in good faith, while others knew that the report was untrue and repeated it merely to have a small sensation. People of the latter kind, in cases where they can be convicted, should be very severely punished and it is the duty of every good citizen to report any man starting such vicious and harmful rumors.

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**ABOUT THAT SCHEDULE.**

We understand very fully that it takes considerable time for a railroad to make any considerable change in a schedule, but nevertheless it appears to us that the Southern road has had plenty of time now to effect the change in the schedule of passenger train No. 117, if it ever intends making the change. Some weeks ago a Southern official wrote to Lancaster's Chamber of Commerce that the change had been recommended, making a new schedule so that Lancaster people would be able to connect in Rock Hill with the Charlotte trains in the evening, but the recommendation does not seem to have prevailed, since no change has ever been made. Meanwhile Lancaster is having to submit to the greatest inconvenience that this town ever experienced in the way of railroad schedules. If the officials of the Southern road can manage to hurry up the action on this matter people living in every town between Camden and Rock Hill will thank them. The present miserable arrangement is costing Lancaster people time and money every day.

**WHAT OTHERS SAY.**

**Another Insult.**

Judging from the frequency with which Watson Bell comes to Gaffney he has joined the I. W. W. Or perhaps he is trying to save something on his board bill?—Gaffney Ledger.

**Some Went Hungry.**

Col. Jno. L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, was not at Filbert, and we are afraid that some of the squirrels in that neck of the woods went hungry.—Columbia Record.

**A Sure Bet.**

A gentleman in New York offers to pay any American aviator \$1000 who will fly over Berlin and drop a few bombs on the German capital. He would probably double the amount if a bomb hit the Kaiser.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

**Nobody Would Have Him.**

It is currently reported that Col. Wigfall Cheatham, of the Edgefield Chronicle, has determined to doubly secure himself against conscription by getting married. Maybe he thinks the age limit might be extended in the next draft.—Gaffney Ledger.

**Old Methods Needed.**

A survival of the old time and fittest methods of dealing with traitors would put a stop to the loose, slack talk that is heard in some quarters. There is no room in the United States now for any but really patriotic men and women.—Harts ville Messenger.

**A Vital Step.**

If the Kaiser could have a look at the crops in this country he would decide that a very vital and a very necessary step has been taken to wards the accomplishment of the Hohenzollern downfall.—Chester Reporter.

**Seems So.**

According to Admiral Jellicoe, it would be easy for the German navy to make a dash across the North Sea and back again. Then it ought to be at least equally easy for the British navy, which is twice the size of Germany's.—Greenville Piedmont.

**Fighting Democracy.**

The draft rioters don't want to fight in France. They prefer to fight the officers of the law at home. They are not interested in making the world safe for democracy; their efforts are confined solely to an attempt to make this country unsafe for democracy.—Rock Hill Herald.

**Very True.**

Senator Tillman says "the food sharks are bleeding the people of too much money for the necessities of life." We believe it is true, and the senate is helping the food sharks to do it—that is, a few obstructionists in the senate are; of whom Senator Tillman is certainly not one.—Newberry Observer.

**As to Pyrites.**

Editor Bell of the Lancaster News in a recent issue of that paper expressed lack of knowledge of the presence of pyrites in Lancaster county. It is a pleasure to inform him that only three miles distant from Kershaw, at Halle Gold Mine, pyrites has been mined for more than a year by A. K. Blakeney, who had a lease on the mine which he recently disposed of to a company of Northern capitalists, who are arranging to carry on the industry much more extensively.

Halle Gold Mine is well within Lancaster county and is rich in mineral deposits. In past years, under ownership of outside capital, it was extensively mined for gold only and classed as the largest gold mine east of the Rocky mountains. The mine was abandoned, however, and the property was bought at public sale by Col. Leroy Springs, John T. Stevens and Charles D. Jones, who are the sole owners, so far as we know. The mine continued inoperative after being purchased by them until it was leased by A. K. Blakeney, who went directly to work putting on the market the pyrites, for which he found ready sale for his entire output.

It is altogether probable that the mine will soon again be the scene of busy activities, with a hundred or more hands earning a good livelihood and finding peace and enjoyment in the employment near their homes and families; while at the same time, we trust, its present operators will find their investment a good paying one.—Kershaw Era.

**Production of Farm Machinery and the Labor Supply Must Be Protected**

By CHARLES S. BRANTINGHAM  
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The truth is that unless prompt action is taken by the government, our country is headed straight toward the same mistakes that have resulted in compelling our allies to appeal to us to save them from famine. Unless we protect the production of labor-saving farm machinery and the supply of skilled farm labor, we, too, must soon face a shrinkage of food supplies. Anybody can realize how calamitous that would be in the military as well as the economic sense.

We are now confronted by shortages of raw material and factory labor that will begin to be manifest in shortages of certain lines of farm machinery this fall and will result in serious shortages in many vital lines next year. Stocks on hand in important kinds of tools and machines are smaller than in normal years, because of earlier scarcity of factory labor and a rapidly tightening scarcity of all raw materials. Present and prospective conditions as to both elements make it certain that the shortage of our output will soon be serious.

For the last ten years farm labor has been more and more difficult to secure, and now, with an enormous increase in the demand for labor in munition factories, and the withdrawal of many young men from productive occupations, there is bound to be a shortage of farm labor such as this country has never known.

We regard it as vital to keep on the farms the men now there who know the business, especially the men trained in the use of labor-saving machinery. It would be wasteful and foolish to let them go and afterward try to replace them with unskilled men.

We seek no advantage for our industry over any other, but we realize that without this product and without sufficient labor the farmers of the United States cannot increase, or even maintain, their production of foodstuffs next year.

These are the measures that we declare to be vital to the feeding of this nation and its allies next year:

1. That the manufacture of farm materials be given equal preference with the manufacture of war munitions as regards supplies of necessary raw materials.
2. That service to the country in farm machinery factories be considered of equal importance with service in munition-making plants, government or private.
3. That labor on the farms be considered as of equal importance with the production of war munitions.
4. That raw materials for farming machinery and the finished goods be given equal preference by the transportation agencies of the country with munitions of war.

**THUNDERSTORMS**



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**Twins.**

Charity covers a multitude of sins, and so does darkness.

**Appropriate?**

"Who is that doing all that swearing over there?" asked the city editor.

"That," replied the office boy, "is the religious editor, cussing because he can't remember the text of the sermon he heard last night."

**A Wish For Every Day This Week.** Sunday—That we may continue to grow better.

Monday—That the blue may be eliminated from this Monday.

Tuesday—That we may have an occasional shower.

Wednesday—That happiness, and not sorrow, may come to us.

Thursday—That all of us may keep well and hearty.

Friday—That we may learn to control our temper.

Saturday—That we may be enabled to do something for our country.

**A tired young soldier named Stork,** was drilling one day in New York.

When the drill master spat, He was so frightened that They found him the next week in Cork.

**After an Electric Shock.**

An effective means of resuscitation after an electric shock is said to be a sharp blow on the soles of the feet without removing the shoes. In all cases, however, it is necessary to pull the tongue from the throat, as the action of the current is to cause a contraction of the muscles and the tongue is drawn back into the throat

completely sealing the air passage. Part of many first aid equipments consists of a device which will grasp the tongue and hold it in a distended position so that the throat is open to permit of artificial respiration.

**The Open Porch Room.**

It is often a problem to know how to furnish the porch room. A room of this sort should not have the flimsy appearance which is caused by the use of furniture too cheap and quite lacking in character. And yet one hesitates to use fine furniture which in time will be ruined by even a partial exposure to weather. It will be with pleasure that we welcome the news that there is a new finish which should withstand the occasional dust and dampness which must needs penetrate into the porch room. The furniture is excellently made, has much beauty, and is so prepared that it may be washed with soap and water.

According to the Electrical World, Glasgow, Scotland, has a suburb without a single chimney. The houses, which are of the bungalow type, are all completely equipped with electric heating, lighting and cooking apparatus. This is said to be the only settlement in the world in which the use of fuel has been entirely eliminated.

**Short vs. Long.**

Many a man's short-comings are his long suit.

**Give 'Em Credit.**

Even if eggs are a nickel each, remember that each represents a day's labor for a conscientious hen.